

REMARKS

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, the Office indicates non-compliance based upon applicant's identification of independent claim 9 and failure to map such claim to the specification. In response, applicant notes that there is no claim 9 pending in the application. Nor does applicant identify a claim 9 anywhere in the appeal brief.

There are three independent claims pending in the application (14, 31 and 45). Each of these three claims is mapped to the specification in the brief as required under 37 CFR § 41.37. Accordingly, applicant's appeal brief is in full compliance and applicant requests that the case proceed to appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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